

Donlin Claimed By Phillies, Making Sixth Team With Which He Has Played

Scientific Men Lead the Lightweights

Welsh, Ritchie, McFarland and Britton, All 135 Pounders, Climb to Top Through Skill and Not by Knockouts.
By ED. CURLEY.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 25.—What with Freddie Welsh coming back into his old English championship, Willie Ritchie grabbing the crown from Ad Wolgast, Packey McFarland retaining his marvelous skill, and Jack Britton crying for matches, everything looks lovely in the light-weight division for battles for many days, but now we have the greatest quartet of boxers that could be gathered even if searching parties raked over all parts of the globe.

Knockers and boosters alike have to admit that these four boys are the most scientific in their division and compare with their rivals as the Woolworth building does to a hole in the ground. Not one is eligible to the "bruiser" class. Each has climbed to the top through sheer cleverness, and not by knocking out his opponents.

The perplexing part of the situation is that, according to dope, all four are on an even basis. Freddie Welsh fought three draws with Packey McFarland. Jack Britton met Packey in one of the greatest shows ever held in the south and got an even break. Willie Ritchie substituted for Ad Wolgast at Los Angeles against Freddie Welsh and held the latter to a draw.

Ritchie and Welsh have a slight shade in a way, as both hold championships. Packey, while no title holder, is the champion money getter of the bunch. Britton is endeavoring to induce McFarland or any of the others to agree to a match. In all probability he will meet Packey first, and if successful, take on Ritchie and then Welsh.

Another agreeable angle to the crowd is that not one of the four is a 135-pound lightweight. Ritchie made that weight for Wolgast, but it wasn't at the time. The conqueror of Wolgast is really a 133-pound-at-5-ounce boy, and this allows his three rivals to come in without reducing to a harmful point.

Welsh is expected to head this way within a few weeks, and when he lands he will be met with an avalanche of challenges from all corners. It looks as if the boys will have to get together some way to produce a leader of the bunch. It's the first time in many years that the ever-hall such a group of champions and near champs. That is what is causing all the excitement.

Dan Morgan took his big "Lion Heart," Jim Savage, to Cleveland, and, marvellous to relate, Savage got the credit, but Morgan did the winning. Daly is such a big chap, standing six feet, seven inches, and weighing nearly 140 pounds, that he is a real heavyweight when he faced him.

"Now don't try to exchange wallops with him, brave man," warned Morgan, "but simply keep circling him."

Savage followed these tactics and when the giant growl "Daisy" Jim went in and trounced him.

Battling Keefe, who is suffering from an attack of rheumatism, and toddlers along with the aid of a cane, returned from Philadelphia. The Battle is a great booster for the Quaker City.

"It's the fastest town I was ever in," chortled the champion of champions, "but only in a way. As I hobbled along the main street of the village the only man that passed me was coming from an opposite direction."

Tinker Signs His Contract With Reds

Hermann, of Cincinnati, Is Aiding Highlanders by Keeping Chance on His Reserve List Until He Closes Deal With Farrell.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Joe Tinker is hereby officially recognized the "goat" of Cincinnati baseball writers. His contract as manager of the Reds has been received at National league headquarters. With the hustling shortstop in command of his Highlanders, August Hermann will have no further need to keep Frank Chance upon his reserve list, other than to protect the monetary consideration which the "Peerless Leader" stands him.

Chance was claimed by Hermann from C. W. Murphy at the old waiver price of \$1500. When it became an assured matter that Tinker would revert to Cincinnati, August Hermann gave his permission to Frank Farrell and to Ban Johnson to treat with the "Peerless Leader" in connection with his managing the Highlanders. The story from Cincinnati that Hermann had not waived on "Husk" is quite true. But in retaining him the Cincinnati promoter did Mr. Farrell a favor and not an injury.

Frank Chance represents at least \$1500 of Mr. Hermann's good money. Were the owner of the Reds to waive just now Chance would be a free agent. He could treat with some rival National league club or he could buy and manage any minor league club if he felt so disposed. In short, he would be lost with him.

So long as he is on Hermann's reserve list Frank Chance is amenable to the law of organized baseball. And so he will remain until he comes to terms with Frank Farrell or some other major league magnate or until organized baseball decides it is through with the former boss of the Cubs.

It is absurd to think that Hermann is standing in Farrell's way. At the recent meeting of the National league in New York the chairman of the National commission declared repeatedly that he was in favor of Chance coming here. The moment a deal closes with Chance August Hermann will pass up the National league's last claim to him. In the meantime the "Big Boy" is a sort of hostage to assure Hermann that the National league's end of a bargain is fulfilled.

Garry Hermann's pet scheme to make the world's series an inter-league competition in which all 16 major league clubs share will not be attempted in 1932. Already the two big leagues have decided upon the old fashioned 154 game schedule. These will be ratified at a meeting of the joint schedule committees in Cincinnati on January 2.

The moment a deal closes with Chance Hermann's idea would be an improvement on the present system. He would attract the public might interpret an inter-league schedule as a baseball combine.

Cross Is Hardest Hitting Lightweight In Ring Today



New York, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Leach Cross, whose other name is Dr. Louis Wallach, has found the prize ring more profitable than the dental office. Although he is but 24 years old and has never been a champion, he has earned \$20,000 since last December and is considered the hardest hitting lightweight in the ring. In the last five years his pugilistic earnings have amounted to \$60,000. He thinks real estate is the best way to invest his money since Wall street repaid him from a large bunch of it.

Puffs From the Fan's Hop Pipe

ROGER BRESNAHAN, recently refused an offer of \$1000 a week to go on the stage. Bresnahan declared that after watching Rube Marquard's sorry acting he would prefer his reputation to a little easy money.

Promoter Tom McCarthy, of Los Angeles, has made plans to allow any of the first division heavyweights to compete in the heavyweight elimination contests which he is staging. He proposes to sign Frank Moran, Donardier Wells, Gunboat Smith and Joe Willard, the Texas fighter, who has been credited with a victory over McCarthy.

Eddie Morgan and Jack Harrison, the English bantamweight and middleweight champions, have sailed for London, where Morgan will meet Dierker Stanley in a 20-round bout. Harrison will seek a match with one of the English middleweights.

Claude Engle, the Boston American outfielder, has signed a two-year contract to the Red Sox. Engle won the last game of the world series for the Red Sox by his heavy hitting.

George Robertson, the southpaw pitcher, who was signed by the New York Giants a year ago, may become an outfielder. Robertson hurt his arm in a football game recently and it is thought that he may never be able to pitch. He will be given a chance in the outfield.

Manager Donlin of the Phillies, declares that he will not let Rube, his southpaw, go to the Cubs under any consideration, no matter how much manager Johnny Evers, of the Chicago team, might want him.

Packey McFarland, who drew about \$2,500 for his share of the gate for his fight with Eddie Murphy at Kenosha, announced that the money would go to his mother as a Christmas present. Packey got 40 percent of the gate receipts.

Otis Johnson, the third baseman who was with the Portland Pacific team two years ago, and went to the New York Americans, has been offered back

daily in preparation for his scrap with Luther McCarty on January 1.

After many weeks of dickerings, the much postponed bout between Clarence Ferns, of Oklahoma, and Harry Brewer will take place at Kansas City on New Year's day. Both fighters have posted forfeits of \$100 each. The weight will be 145 pounds ring-side.

Frank Mantell, the eastern middleweight, who did considerable fighting in California last summer, is now without a manager. Dan Morgan, his former manager, told him that as his entire time was taken up with his fight, he would have to get a manager who could procure more bouts for him.

Y. M. C. A. RUNS AWAY WITH BANKERS' TEAM

Basket Throwers for Association Score 91 Points, Bowman Alone Hitting 13 Runs.

Score: Y. M. C. A., 31; Rio Grande Bank, 4. How's that for a runaway? A basket throwing contest was held at the Y. M. C. A. Christmas eve. It was supposed to be a basketball game between the quintets of the Y. M. C. A. and the Rio Grande Bank, but it turned out to be a race between D. Bowman, Lee Evans and Earl Teague for the ball cage. Bowman, who rimmed the iron 18 times with field goals and four times with free throws, Evans made 10 and Teague 8. The game was the only one-sided of much interest. Team work was conspicuously absent from the Bankers' performance, while it was the main strength of the Y. M. C. A. bunch.

In the second game of the double-header the Cactus club won from the Electric Stars, scoring 48 to 37. The scoring was divided among the Cactus with Will Taylor in the lead.

DONLIN IS AWARDED TO PHILADELPHIA

New York, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Secretary Hoyler, of the National league, has announced that Mike Donlin, formerly star outfielder of the local team, has been released by the Philadelphia Phillies. Pittsburgh recently asked for waivers on Donlin and as the Philadelphia club refused to waive him he was awarded to it.

Philadelphia is the sixth National league club with which Donlin has been associated. He has played with St. Louis, Cincinnati, Boston, New York and Pittsburgh and was also a member of the old Baltimore American league team.

ALBUQUERQUE WANTS TO PLAY IN EL PASO

Overtures are being made by the Albuquerque High school for two basketball games with both the boys and girls of the El Paso High school basketball team. But if it is doubtful if the games can be arranged. Owing to the number of games being played in the city basketball league the High school students are doubtful if a game would bring them sufficient funds to pay the expense of bringing the Albuquerque team to El Paso.

JOHNSON AND DREYFUS TO DRAFT LEAGUE SCHEDULES

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25.—President Johnson, of the American league, left last night for Alton, Ill., where he will join Barney Dreyfus, owner of the Pittsburgh Nationals, and draft the 1932 schedules of the two major leagues. The schedules will be presented for adoption at meetings of the leagues to be held in New York in February.

Johnson represents the schedule committee of the American league and Dreyfus is a member of the same body of the National league.

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WHEN KINGS LOOKED ON Tales Told At the Ringside

By W. A. Phelon

"SOME years ago," says Harry Harris—now a theatrical magnate, but once a clever fighter—"I was boxing over in England. The English treated me well, gave me a square deal, plenty of money, and a good time. I have only the kindest recollections of Great Britain and its sportsmen, but I can hardly forgive them for the way they once projected me into such extremely swell company that I have never recovered from the jar."

"A few days after I defeated Pedlar Palmer at the National Sporting club, lord —, a young nobleman whose hobby was boxing, called upon me, and asked me if I would mind meeting Palmer again, but only in a friendly set-to. I said I should be delighted. He then explained that several gentlemen of leisure, who had plenty of shakels, but were so placed that they couldn't very well attend big public shows, had heard of me, and wanted to see me in action. They would pay Palmer and myself \$500 apiece for six fast rounds, no knockout, no real fighting and no decision. Of course, I accepted."

"Next night, lord — called for me with a carriage, and took me to a big old mansion—one of the extremely ancient kind. I couldn't name the street or locality to save my neck, for it was night, the carriage went a long distance and I never knew much of London streets or places. Anyway, it was a grand old house, and I expressed my admiration for the structure, its grounds, and its furnishings."

"In an elegantly fitted room to which I was shown, I met Palmer. We rehearsed, briefly, a spirited skirmish, dressed for the ring, and were taken to an immense drawing room, where a temporary stage and ring had been erected. Quite a number of gentlemen were lounging round the room, and gave us a friendly hand as we appeared."

"The bout itself was of no great importance. Palmer and I simply went along at a fast and pretty pace, showing all the tricks and clever stuff we knew, and the crowd gave us continual applause. One gentleman, whom I particularly noticed because he had a crippled left arm and a mustache like a letter U, cheered in a strong, imperious voice at every rally. Another, a short, fat man with a beard, clapped loudly whenever we mixed up, and a tall, fine-looking old gentleman almost wagged his beard loose when we imitated a couple of nine-count knock-downs."

"After it was over, and we had peed paid off, I remarked to lord — that they seemed to be a jolly crowd."

"They sure are that, me boy," chuckled lord —.

"Who was the chap with the lame arm?" I questioned. Lord — looked at me in evident surprise.

"Why didn't you know?" he demanded.

"How should I? Nobody told me," I responded.

"The man with the lame arm," said lord —, "was emperor William of Germany. The fat gentleman? King Edward, God bless him. The old, bearded fellow? King Christian of Denmark. The one with the gold eyeglasses? Only the king of Sweden. Me boy, you've had some honor, don't you think?"

"And the shock nearly killed me. I had boxed before about a thousand million dollars worth of kings, and hadn't know it till it was all over!"

LIPTON WILL BUILD ANOTHER YACHT TO TRY FOR CUP
New York, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Sir Thomas Lipton, thrice challenger for the America's cup, sailed for England on the Lusitania, declaring that he hoped to come back in 1914 and race for the cup again.

"It has been the wish of my life to win it," he said.

"It looks now as if there would be such alteration in the racing rules as will permit me to build a yacht that can come over here and compete on fair basis with your best yachts. If

STAR OF PHILLIES IS ILL
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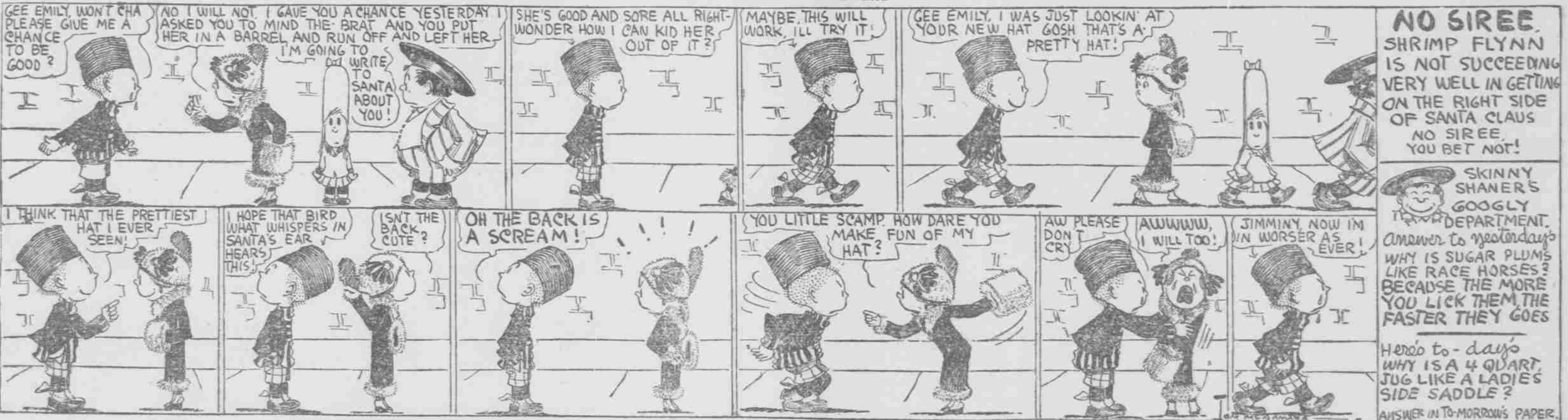
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